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Editorials.

THE UNDERGRADUATE returns thanks to Dr. J. Blanchard, '32, for a gift of ten dollars. The doctor's interest in our college is a source of pleasure to all and especially to the editors.

EVEN a short experience in the sanctum of a college paper is sufficient to convince one that cranks are not peculiar to the outside world. For instance, here comes a man and wants to entertain our readers with a long editorial as to what has become of the endowment. He is told that that is a mystery and therefore not to be discussed in a college paper. Another investigator thinks it wrong that slops and ashes should be left within fifty feet of the dormitory. Of course a discussion of germ theories is not proper, and so he goes away disappointed. And in the meantime the editor sighs for the day when he will be an ex-editor.

MIDDLEBURY men everywhere have reason to rejoice over the success of Hon. Levi P. Morton, the benefactor of our college. The following dispatch voices the sentiment of the undergraduates:

MIDDLEBURY, VT., Nov. 9, 1888.

To Hon. Levi P. Morton, Vice President-elect of the United States:

The Republican Club of Middlebury College, always remembering your philanthropy toward our college, sends its congratulations with best wishes for the new administration.

F. F. DOUGLAS,
President of Club.

A SCHEME, now well under way, and one which bids fair to be a success, is to secure a design for our cover. Of course the UNDERGRADUATE is not able to expend the twenty-five or thirty dollars necessary in the purchase of such a design; so application for financial aid has been made to alumni, and two or three have already liberally contributed. Without doubt, the need of a better cover is apparent to the most of our subscribers, especially those who have ever had an acquaintance with our exchanges, and it is hoped that all will remember us. The selection of the design will be left to the alumni. Suggestions, therefore, will be acceptable.

THE idea seems to be becoming rife, in fact contagious, that the editor-in-chief and his assistant are responsible for each department of the paper; in other words, that they ought to write all copy. Now, however much fame that lazy pair may get by sailing under others' flags, they humbly decline doing everything for everybody. That a man should do the best he can with his department is just as much his duty as attending to class-room work. It is a duty he owes to the rest of the board, to the students, to himself. If you cannot find time, take time. Do anything; resign if you are crowded, but do not

weigh down the shoulders of one or two men with work that does not belong to them.

WE are informed that no material changes have been made in the curriculum this year. The Senior class thinks that a few lectures upon art are much needed. Most colleges give some attention to this subject and there seems to be no reason why our Senior class should not be furnished with an outline, if nothing more, of so interesting and profitable a study. Why not introduce this innovation?

MIDDLEBURY chooses to discipline the minds of her students rather than stuff a useless mass of facts into their heads. Middlebury is a college, not a university. But in Junior and Senior years especially there should be more electives. True, the honor system goes a little way in this direction, but there are branches in which we should be given the privilege of choosing for ourselves and letting others alone if we do not like them. The system of one iron-bound course for all, of necessity, compels the student to dip a little here and splash a little there. It cuts down the time which should be given to a study. An elaborate system of electives is out of the question here, but it seems as though something ought to be done and might be done in this direction. But even if there is not, Political Economy is sacrificed for other branches far less important. The time given it, is, comparatively speaking, very short. The people are becoming more and more familiar with its principles. It is a popular study. It demands careful consideration. There is a general movement throughout American colleges to give it more time. Its importance is daily increasing; and in a short time, if not at present, a thoroughly well educated man must be perfectly familiar with its principles. Give us more time in Political Economy.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

Judging from the number of our present Freshman class as compared with that of other colleges, it becomes evident that Middlebury is not as prominently before the public as other colleges are, and consequently losing ground. What is the cause? Other colleges use various means, principally the press, through which to reach the people. Middlebury does not; but seems rather to hide than to air her advantages. Is not this a reason?

In this nineteenth century a college is largely a business institution with sharp competitors. All successful business men advertise; it brings customers and that is our greatest need at present.

Is there not some one that can formulate a scheme by which attention may be drawn toward Middlebury? The theory that "we do not want a man unless he wants us" will do as a theory, but practically it is a failure, as the class of '92 demonstrates. How does a man know whether "he wants us" or not, if he does not know there is an "*us*"?

This communication is a timely one. Although knowing it to be a matter of interest to all alumni, we refrained from mentioning the size of the Freshman class in our last number, hoping for an increase. While the class of '92 is an unusually large one throughout New England and the college world, it is a lamentable fact that the class of '92 at Middlebury is one of the smallest that ever entered. We are told that this is due to small classes in the fitting schools which have been our best feeders in the past. Granting the truth of this statement in a measure, have all proper efforts been made to secure those who might have entered Middlebury? Are there not fitting schools near us where Middlebury College is scarcely known? Are there not students in other colleges, or as yet in no college, whom a proper solicitation would have brought here? We think we can cite such cases. There are three hundred Vermont boys in college today. Why are not more of them in Middlebury? This explanation, that the fitting schools are sending out no men, cannot apply to those who go directly past our doors to the University of Vermont, Dartmouth, Amherst, or Williams.

As the above communication hints, the motto of the nineteenth century is "business," and, in common with everything else, the college that neglects this motto, to use a homely phrase, "gets left."

ONE idea emphasized by Kennan's articles is that American colleges and universities enjoy rare opportunities for political discussion; and well have students and professors improved them during the campaign just ended. College men make good politicians. They do their own thinking. Yet many, seemingly having a Russian dread of free thought, maintain that colleges should keep out of politics. Those who, like the physicists, are trying to base conclusions upon facts, and to eliminate prejudice from their thinking—such are college men—are set down as theorists—"mere bubbles on the political stream." Presidents Hyde and Elliot, and Prof. Seely of this college, speak their honest convictions only to be called *doctrinaires*, as if the outspoken manliness of a college official counted for less than the blind enthusiasm of a foreigner who cannot read the ballot he casts. But, after all, is it not the duty of our colleges

to let their lights shine? Should not students be citizens? Says the Harvard *Advocate:*

"The college ought to avail itself of every opportunity to make its influence felt for the advancement of all the higher interests of the people, of which interests, one is, the improvement of American politics. Not only should a man be free to go into politics, even though he is a college official; but just because he is a college official he ought to feel it all the more his duty to take up political questions. Until something like a general sense of this come about, we shall fail to give the American college the position of power and usefulness which as a centre of intellectual life it ought to have."

WE dislike to admit that the men in this college average but one talent each in a literary way. But with all due regard to the maxim, "people in glass houses should not throw stones," we must be allowed to remark emphatically that the owners of ten, five, two or one talent in this direction, will be overtaken with the fate of the man in the parable who had only one. We have time and again spoken of this in these columns, that all the students thought or seemed to think the board of editors should do all the work for the UNDERGRADUATE. Now it is an unwelcome fact that on the whole there is little or no activity in literary work in college either for the UNDERGRADUATE or any other purpose. Our rhetoricals have been from time immemorial a farce in more ways than one. They have been looked on as a piece of drudgery which the quicker and easier one shirked through the better. There have been exceptions, it is true, but they only prove the rule. There are reasons for this apathy. While in other departments of curriculum work, suitable prizes and other incentives encourage the patient, pains-taking worker, he who excels in literary work gets comparatively little credit for it in his rank in class. and is looked upon by the body of students as one who labors to little or no purpose; while the man who sits down when he feels like it and writes out his thoughts for his own amusement, if nothing more, is almost unknown among us. And yet who will say that this is not a great help? Many authors of the highest rank have done this not only for pleasure but as an advantage to themselves. It has given them elegance of diction, purity of language, conciseness of expression. More than this, it enables the reader to enjoy more thoroughly the works of the best authors. But in speaking of literary work we hear the alas! too common remark, "I don't *care* anything about it."

Men are not all alike, and there is absolutely no reason why this college should not do better in this respect. While Middlebury honors men ranking high in scholarship, she relegates amateur authors to the Cavern of Neglect.

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It may be well briefly to consider such literary work as has come to our notice both in the way of contributions and otherwise. In the first place, too many orations, essays and contributions are written "against space." As a distinguished American editor puts it, "they should be boiled down," and when boiled down "boil them down again." It is hard; it is much easier to clothe a thought in fifty words than in twenty-five. But it pays to be concise. This fault of verbosity comes from articles being written Friday night before they are delivered, consequently from a lack of interest and from dislike of the matter in hand. Again, clearness, force, pure language, well-balanced sentences and periods sometimes seem to be entire strangers to our writers, and so criticizing ourselves as much, nay more than any one else, we could go through the list of imperfections—imperfections which comparatively little work would cause to disappear.

AS showing some instructive facts relating to the past and present of our State University, we clip the following from the Montpelier *Argus and Patriot* of Nov. 6:

"It has come at last, that predicted U. V. M. and Agricultural College appropriation bill, asking for $6000 per annum, for a period of twelve years from December 1, 1888, to the first day of December 1900, of which sum $3,600 shall be expended for competent instruction in branches relating to the industrial arts; and $2,400 in paying the tuition and incidental college charges of thirty students to be appointed one by each Senator. The bill reads "In pursuance of the objects set forth in the charter of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College," by which phraseology it tries to maintain the line of thought presented by Senator Morrill and Judge Powers before the General Assembly, that the State at this time was under obligation to appropriate certain sums for the Agricultural College to preserve its credit as co-partner of the U. V. M., because the latter has received several hundred thousand dollars from her friends. There seem to be tinges of romance connected with the bill. It is very strange that the Agricultural College should come asking $6,000 a year, if for that department alone. She receives $8130 every year from the land grant act, while her expenses are at a minimum. The majority of Agricultural College students from Vermont go to such institutions beyond the limits of the State, and the only registered student at the Vermont Agricultural College is a non-resident. If the Legislature would take pains to adopt a resolution requiring the authorities of the Vermont Agricultural College to make an account of the channel through which the income of their land grand endowment passes, it would see the true purport of the appropriation bill now pending. If the Agricultural College has but few if any students, the sum of $8,100 per year is more than sufficient for its support, and it would seem that an adequate amount

might be spared to establish a chair for the instruction of the industrial arts, without State aid. Can it be possible that the U. V. M. is seeking financial aid of the Legislature under cover of a State name created at the marriage of the College of Arts with the College of Agriculture? It begins to look that way, and if it is just and for the interests of the former to pass appropriation bills for the U. V. M., it must also be just and right to grant Middlebury College and Norwich University like amounts, as they are well equipped to give instruction in the academic arts. The friends of the bill have bitten off a pretty big "hunk," and if the Legislature concludes to masticate the first part of the bill, it will probably choke itself when it tries to make way with the last section which calls for a $20,000 appropriation for a military hall. Too bad to make the students of the Agricultural College the trained soldiery of the State!"

It is a little singular that this bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, while the agricultural committees were the ones to visit the college at Burlington. But Speaker Grout has just been chosen a trustee of the university and Ex-Gov. Proctor, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has been a trustee for six years past and was re-elected the other day.

Literary.

A LEGEND OF THE GRASS.

IN the latter years of the reign of George IV., there came up from Montreal to the Indian village of St. Regis, a traveler, evidently fleeing from some danger, as he traveled incognito. There seemed to be something unusual about the man, or, at least, in the influence he exerted in that lethargic community. Before dawn the next day a small fleet of canoes had been loaded, manned and everything made ready for a journey. While yet delaying the start, a tall, well-built man of about 30 years of age approached, followed by one of the friends who had accompanied him. With a hasty and uneasy glance at the surroundidgs, he stepped into one of the canoes. Instinctively he drew his cloak, which had been allowed to drop over his shoulders, back to its accustomed place, thus concealing his features. The course pursued was up the St. Lawrence, past the Long Sault Rapids, to the mouth of the Grass, where, leaving the former stream, they commenced a journey of many miles up the latter. Continuing their course, they, at length, came to a place that has since passed from a favorite hunting ground into a cosey summer resort. Then, however, there was no need for

> " Fantinalis to keep her school
> Down in the deep, dark pool;
> Teaching her speckled children all
> To heed the tempting baits that fall."

The place seeming desirable, they proceeded to construct a shanty, and to instruct the new-comer in the arts and sciences of a woodman's life. This done, the redmen and the white friend returned, leaving the stranger to live alone; nor did he ever seek the company of the hunters who, occasionally, approached him; but with a few gruff words he would give them to understand they were not welcome. The only one believed to have ever entered that hut was an Indian trapper. But however much "Joe Indian" knew about the strange visitant, nothing as to his character or reasons for his mode of life could ever be elicited from the sealed lips of the faithful friend. Thus he existed, seemingly having little taste for either hunting or fishing except to satisfy his immediate wants. The monotony of his life was only broken by an annual trip for supplies and news to the tribe mentioned at the beginning. While such a life must have been a burden; yet to one with the least love for nature's beauties, to have launched his canoe on a fine May morning, and drifted down that swollen stream; to have been lulled to sleep at night in the rich balsam laden breezes, by the murmering stream and the whip-poorwill's plaintive cries; to have beheld the ever-changing panorama, the High Falls with its wealth of iron pyrites, the natural canal, and, at last, to have glided down the Long Sault to those who, if not kinsmen, were at least friends, must have been moments of deep joy.

In this manner the weary years crept on until sometime after the ascension of her Highness, Victoria, to the throne of England.

The annual visit had been made to his copper-colored friends, the summer had come and gone, when, at the close of a cool October day, a canoe containing a figure closely wrapped in a cloak was seen coming rapidly up the river propelled by two Indians. As the canoe touched the beach the strange traveler, recognizing his friends of the village, stepped from the door of his hut and caught the cloaked figure in his arms. Whether mother, sister, sweetheart, or wife is unknown; but the appearance of that visitor was to change the life of the hermit. Whatever the news she brought may have been, on the second day after her arrival she returned, accompanied by the recluse, to the Indian village, and thence to Montreal, where we leave them without the privilege of recording their names or history. No doubt the memoirs of some noble house of Europe contain a chapter, at least, de-

voted to a description of the hardships and sorrows experienced in the depths of an American forest during exile for political principles.

IN AN AUTUMN WOOD.

THE skeletons of ere-while emerald trees
Stretch forth their bony hands;
The ghosts, they seem, of wanderers
From old and distant lands.

The evergreens, in monotone complain,
Their giant arms toss high,
As if they told a tale of woe
To the dark and lowering sky.

The shadows from their lurking places creep
As those who dread the light;
A murmur goes through all the wold
And o'er it broods the night.

From distant moor and meadow land afar,
Stealthy, without a sound,
The mists come creeping slowly up
And clasp the forest 'round.

J. E. M.

DETECTIVE MEASURES.

"ARE Detective Measures Justifiable," is the title of a very interesting article in the July number of *Our Day*. Its author, Mr. Anthony Comstock, maintains that they are, and he goes on to cite a number of court decisions in support of his position. The topic is one that speedily resolves itself into that long-debated question—is deception ever justifiable? We cannot but admit that there is a great variety of arguments which go to establish the affirmative of this proposition, and a cursory glance at a few of the more salient ones may possibly be of advantage.

From the study of Ethics we learn that there is a series of laws—each one being more important and higher than the one preceding it until we reach the higher one of love, to which all others are subordinated. Illustrations of this subordination of one principle to another can be found on every side. For instance, a student in college violates some regulation, for which he would be expelled in case of a discovery. But his mother is afflicted with heart-disease and the shock caused by her son's disgrace would produce her immediate death. By the invention of a skillful lie he can prove his innocence of a deed which he is justly accused of having committed. He does so and saves his mother's life, thereby subordinating the principle of truth to the higher one of life.

Let us borrow now the case that is usually adduced in this kind of argument. A slave has escaped from his master and is fleeing for his liberty. A friend of the oppressed has compassion upon him and secretes him in his house. The pursuers ride up in furious haste and ask if a slave has been seen. The man replies "No," and thereby saves a human life. The principle of truth is subordinated to that of liberty.

A host of examples of a similar nature could be given. The act of sending spies into an enemy's camp involves the same question. It is often necessary to resort to deception in order to bring criminals to justice, and the rulings of our courts would show that the ends justify the means. "No right-minded person ever attempted to destroy the decoy of Solomon, which by a threat of destruction of the child, appealing to the affections, induced the real mother, as well as the imposter, to disclose herself," is the the terse remark of a prominent judge on this point.

A FABLE.

TWO hairs beginning to grow on a freshman's cheek, had hardly made their appearance before they were cut off. Almost discouraged, they consulted their neighbors as to what they had better do next. The majority told them to wait, but a few advising to try again, they did so and were again cut short. Totally disheartened, they decided to wait at least till Sophomore year. At that time, setting out with a multitude of their fellows, they made such a fine appearance that the Sophomore allowed them to grow, to the great envy of the freshmen, who mourn because they cannot raise a beard. *Hac fabula doce.* that in a multitude of counselors there is safety. '91.

Communications.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any articles in this column. Its sentimeuts, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

I heartily endorse the communication in your last number on our chapel singing. But it seems to lack one thing—the suggestion of a plan for overcoming the difficulty.

There is no question but what we have singers enough. Why, then, do we not have a choir? Simply because no one is personally responsible, and until some one is, there will be no change for the better.

"What is everybody's business is nobody's business." In view of this, I would suggest that an organization of the singers be made and a chorister appointed. I would further suggest that Mr. Thomas call a meeting of the singers for the purpose of forming a permanent musical organization. The value of musical culture is recognized in all our colleges, and something ought to be done here.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

Is not our college sadly deficient in instruction in elocution? Does the little drill received at commencement—excellent as it is—fill the bill? Do not the men, at least many of them, fall back into the old ruts? To answer these questions one has only to attend one session of our rhetoricals. The attitudes of the speakers would disgrace a similar exercise in a country school. They are continually "cork-screwing" themselves into every conceivable shape into which the human body is capable of being contorted, except a rhetorical one.

Nowhere does the saying, "position is everything," go for more than in speaking. But what if the speaker does not know how to take a good position? Then he must *learn* it as he would Latin or Greek, namely, by study and drill under instruction. Let the college pay more attention to this department.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

Theoretically college students are honorable. Although we are seldom called upon to notice any marked underhanded dealing on the part of fellow-students, a case of this sort has come forcibly to the attention of the college within a few days.

Not long since posters were placed through the town announcing a political rally to be given by six students. At the foot of the poster was the sentence in large type "Proceeds for the athletics."

Numbers of the townspeople who had no particular interest in the affair, attended, as they said, to "help along the boys," supposing it to be an entertainment gotten up by the Athletic association. Some of the students who would have given no thought to an affair of the sort gotten up for private emolument and glory, took pains to urge their friends to attend.

What was their surprise to learn, after the orations had been delivered and the gains counted, that the proceeds were pocketed by those who participated in the affair!

Now, no one denies the right of any students, who may so desire, to hire a hall and advertise themselves as orators, neither does any one wish to deprive them of the privilege of alleviating their poverty through any funds properly obtained from the pockets of their fellow-students and others. But to advertise the profits for the Athletic association and then appropriate them is another matter. It is a petty species of robbery, the very smallness of which emphasizes its meanness.

Whether the profits amount to one dollar or ten dollars I know not, and care less, but there is a principle involved. I hope they may become acquainted with the opinion of the college respecting this matter. We can see how a man may have an object in stealing a sum of money, but how a college student can stoop to accept money obtained by petty deception passes our understanding. STUDENT.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

Why is it that we have to wander around the halls of the dormitory during the evening without hall lights? Though one gets accustomed to the crooks and turns after he has been here a while, yet even the seniors are in danger of falling down stairs. Nor is this all; when a stranger comes here in the evening, he cannot possibly find his way to any of the rooms without the aid of those who are familiar with the building. Now, we hope this matter will be neglected no longer, but that suitable lights will be provided, and cared for by some one appointed for the purpose. Two lights in each hall would do very well, but three would be better; and these should be such as are not easily broken and should be fastened so they could not be taken away.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

It has been a long time (one issue) since the base-ball chestnut has been rung in these columns. Nevertheless, now, or at least on or before the opening of the winter term, is the time to decide whether we will again enter the league or not. I for one am tired of loafing around all winter and then beginning to play in the spring as soft as a rotten apple. The sentence is aged, but it is true: "If we wish to stand anywhere but at the foot of the league we must work." Now is the time to begin, not next May. True, a lack of facilities for practice has and will to a great extent prevent systematic training. We need and must have a place for battery practice. Other thread-

bare ideas could be advanced, but this is enough. Most of the students are tired of supporting a losing team. But I want just one chance at U. V. M. and N. U. and then if, as usual, we come out at the little end of the horn, we will cover our heads with sackcloth and sit down on an ash-heap.

PLAYER.

Alumni Correspondence.

Contributions to this department solicited.

EDITORS OF UNDERGRADUATE:

It has given me the liveliest satisfaction to see how well the UNDERGRADUATE has started out this year, and I am sure every other alumnus of Middlebury college, whose attention has been called to the matter, must have the same satisfaction. The new department to which you call attention is not an entirely new thing as you may discover by turning back to the old files, but it is an improvement on the immediate past. The fulness of your alumni notes for this issue ought to awaken a sense of gratitude in the heart of every alumnus so powerful that each would immediately come to your aid in this particular. Good alumni notes are not only interesting to the alumni themselves but are valuable incentives to the students, as they continually enforce the fact that during their college course they are getting ready for serious work. The plan of securing the editors by competition strikes me as a great improvement on the methods of my day. Let me suggest that the man who has the best acquaintance with the alumni and who contributes the best information in this direction ought to make a strong candidate for the position of editor-in-chief. The competition ought to be severe in the matter of reporting incidents for the local columns. Graphic descriptions of old scenes endear the UNDERGRADUATE to the heart of every alumnus.

Permit me to add just a word of criticism. On the cover of the UNDERGRADUATE it says that the paper was "founded in 1831." That is a most interesting fact, and should be emphasized. None emphasized it more than the class of 1876, who re-established the paper in March, 1876. They opened the first editorial in that issue with the salutatorian statement quoted from the old UNDERGRADUATE of 1831. It seems to me that great honor is due to the class of 1876 for re-establishing the paper, and I suggest that directly under the words "founded in 1831" there should be inserted the words "re-established March, 1876."

AN EX-EDITOR-IN-CHIEEF.

P. S. A good many of us alumni are unacquainted with the work of several of your newer professors. Can we not hear from them through the UNDERGRADUATE?

Town and Campus.

G. Howard Kelton, '92, has joined Chi Psi.

There are 339 scholars in the graded school.

Howe, '88, spent several days at the college.

Cushman, '89, has been on the stump of late.

Professor Yager's residence has a new coat of paint.

Sol. Sam's minstrels held forth in the town hall, Nov. 3d.

The Seniors finish zoology and commence ethics next week.

Dunton, '89, and Owen, '90, have spent a few days at their homes.

Two recitations were omitted during the Y. M. C. A. convention.

W. H. Nichols has started a paper called the *Addison County Star*.

Deacon D. E. Boyce is spending the winter with his son, Professor Boyce.

One of the professors spent a portion of Hallow-eve night in the chapel.

An unusually large number of men are doing special work for honors this year.

Mr. John Coon of New York has been conducting a revival at the Methodist church.

The juniors took up German last week and their universal comment is, "Hard."

The *Tuftonian* says that the UNDERGRADUATE "is blessed with first-class printers."

The ropes of the Republican and Prohibition flags were cut the night before election.

Mrs. Eaton has returned from Cambridge, Mass., where she has spent several weeks.

The ballot at the U. V. M. resulted in 64 votes for Harrison, 8 for Cleveland, 5 for Fisk.

Jahu DeWitt Miller lectured for the Y. M. C. A. Thursday on "The Uses of Ugliness."

Miss Elida S. Brown, formerly of this place, gave a recital in Y. M. C. A. hall Nov. 7th.

The Norwich University cadets are to be reviewed by Gov. Dillingham and staff this week.

As usual, the appearance of the foot ball was symbolized by the disappearance of window glass.

The New England Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools met in Boston Oct. 12 and 13.

Among the congratulatory telegrams received by Hon. Levi P. Morton was one from President Brainerd.

President Brainerd spent two days in Montpelier at the hearing of the State Educational Board before the Senate.

"Some have greatness thrust upon them." Our editor-in-chief finds himself the involuntary head of an intelligence bureau.

The Star Theatre company made its debut in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," before a large audience, which was drawn by the reputation of the play.

The University of Vermont defeated Rutland at foot ball by a score of 8 to 0 on election day. Severance, '89, played end rush on the Rutlands.

The new building at Norwich University has failed to materialize, probably not wishing to anticipate the steam heat and other improvements in Starr Hall.

The members of the faculty dined at the boarding hall one evening last month at the invitation of Miss Dudley, and President Brainerd spoke a few timely words to the club.

Clift, '90, and Bell, '91, spoke in Crown Point, N. Y., for Cleveland a few days before election. The sequel proved an increased Republican vote of several hundred in that place.

Rev. C. S. Murkland, '81, is in town for a short rest on account of throat troubles. Professor Yager preached in Mr. Murkland's church in Manchester, N. H., Sunday, the 4th.

Delta Kappa Epsilon initiated George C. Bliss, '92, of Hartford, Conn., and Frank B. Wynne, '92, of Port Henry, N. Y. The banquet was held at the Addison House, Oct. 18.

Several students attended the opera, "Les Mousquetaires," which was given in Burlington by the Rutland Amateur Opera Company. Mr. E. L. Allen, '88, took a leading part.

A '92 man who spoke at the last Democratic meeting in Mineville, N. Y., received the following expressive telegram:

"Mineville goes forty Republican, gain of eighty-four votes. Thanks, come again. H. N. WINCHESTER." ('87.)

The Association of New England College Presidents was held Nov. 1 in Hartford. Yale, Harvard, Boston, Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, University of Vermont, Tufts, Brown and Wesleyan were represented.

The New York *Times* states that "Vice President-elect Levi P. Morton received telegrams of congratulation from Hon. J. G. Blaine, M. S. Quay, Robert Ingersoll and Fred Douglas, President of Middleborough College, Vt."

Hallow-eve was celebrated by an attempt to blow up certain college property. Fifty pounds of gunpowder were used, but the conflagration was extinguished through the efforts of two members of the faculty, assisted by a freshman.

The U. V. M. students held a Republican rally the night before election, and were addressed by Senator Edmunds and President Buckham. The speeches were preceded by a torch-light procession in which the few Democrats and-third party students took part.

The names and addresses of the freshmen are: George C. Bliss, Hartford, Conn.; Bernice D. Colby, Lincoln; Miss Emma F. Dorsey, Middlebury; G. Howard Kelton, Massachusetts; Alexander McDonald, Monson, Mass.; James F. McNaboe, Manchester; Miss Anna B. Sheldon, Middlebury; Frank B. Wynne, Port Henry, N. Y.

The comedy "Our Uncle," was given in the town hall, Oct. 31st, by local amateurs. Tne principal parts were taken by Mrs. E. W. Judd, Miss Kate Mulchahey, Miss Sophie Wainwright, Miss Jessie Yager, A. B. Pease, '90, L. H. Ross, '90, and D. G. Reilly, '91. The hall was filled by an enthusiastic audience, which was, as usual, particularly appreciative of local hits.

A canvass of political preferences in the college resulted in the information that four members of the faculty are Republicans, two Prohibitionists and one Independent. Twenty five of the students are Republicans, five Democrats, six Prohibitionists, and six Independents. Of the student voters, thirteen are Republicans, three Democrats, three Prohibitionists and four Independents.

The seniors are to meet with Professor Wright at his residence the first Friday evening of each month for a series of talks on "The Four Phases of Modern English Poetry." The class listened to the first talk November 2d. The subject, "Society Verse," of which Austin Dobson was taken as the exponent, was ably handled and the lecture interspersed with numerous readings from his works.

Mr. Sanders of Yale college, who has been in town for the Y. M. C. A. convention, took dinner at the boarding hall last Sunday and afterward spoke to the club of the Y. M. C. A. work in other colleges, particularly Yale. He urged the college association to give attention to the fitting schools, and send delegations to them for religious work, and to form associations where not already organized.

The political excitement in college was intense at the time of election. Two recitations were omitted to give the students an opportunity to go home and vote, and most of them did so. The students to a man were at the town hall or Addison House, at both of which places the returns were received, and few left before the last telegram was received in the morning. Hilarity and dejection succeeded each other according to the nature of the returns.

Our assistant editor-in-chief is debtor to his superior to the amount of one wheelbarrow ride from the chapel to the post-office. The chief, on account of his well-known modesty, seems unwilling to make himself so publicly conspicuous and is disposed to disappoint the expectant populace by forfeiting the debt. Goddard of '90 backed his faith in tariff reform to the same amount against the free whiskey propensities of Alden, '89. As Goddard refuses to wheel except at an unseemly hour, this spectacular event also seems likely not to materialize.

Several Y. M. C. A. delegates were seen endeavoring to get into the college buildings last Saturday afternoon, but were unsuccessful. It is a circumstance often remarked by strangers that there is no arrangement by which they can visit the library, museum, etc., unless they accost some student sufficiently accommodating to search after the one who usually has charge of the keys. The keys are seldom to be found at times when visitors are most frequent, unless the searcher plods up over the hill. On ordinary occasions this state of affairs is probably unavoidable, but it would be conducive to the interests of the college and the gratification of sight-seers, if at a time like the recent convention some pains should be taken to extend these trifling courtesies.

The heated political arguments which have shaken the college to its foundations throughout the term culminated in a public discussion in the town hall on the evening of Nov. 1. Alden, '89, and Severance, '89, represented the Republican party; Clift, '90, and Bell, '91, took up the gauntlet for the Democracy, and June Mead, '90, and Ross, '90, sounded the slogan of Prohibition. A good sized audience gathered, notwithstanding the numerous other attractions of the week. Mr. J. M. Thomas, '90, presided, and the Middlebury cornet band discoursed patriotic strains which put the listeners into an enthusiastic mood before the speakers appeared. The orations were all well written and delivered in a way which evoked constant rounds of applause from the house. Mr. Mead's oration was worthy of special mention for its brilliancy, and Alden brought down the house by suspending a Harrison and Morton banner from the speakers' desk. The exhibition was a decided success and clearly demonstrated the fallacy of that old idea that college men are acquainted with only the theoretical side of politics.

DELTA UPSILON CONVENTION.

The fifty-fourth annual convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 24th, 25th and 26th of last month. Delegates from the twenty-five chapters were present and were royally entertained at the Stillman House by the members of the Adelbert chapter and the Cleveland Alumni Association.

Wednesday was given up to the transaction of business. In the afternoon, however, a very pleasant reception was given the delegates by seven young lady friends of Delta U. from Ohio and Michigan. In the evening every one attended the ball and all will long cherish the memory of the bewitching young ladies of Cleveland. Thursday was also given up to business, except while the customary convention picture was being taken.

In the evening the First Presbyterian Church was filled by those who had received invitations to the public exercises. Rev. Arthur C. Ludlow, Adelbert, '84, presided. Prof. Fred W. Ashley, Adelbert, '85, read an excellent poem, which was followed by a very interesting oration by Rev. George F. Dowling,

Madison, '72. Music was furnished by the Cleveland Mandoline Club.

At the close of these exercises the "Delta U's" adjourned to the banquet at the Stillman.

Mr. Henry W. Conklin, Rochester, '79, very happily performed the duties of toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to:

"Fifty-fourth Convention."—Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60.

"Masters, spread yourselves."—

"Delta Upsilon—Her Moral Side."—Rev. A. C. Ludlow, Adelbert, '84.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Auld Lang Syne."—Professor H. B. Hosford, Williams, '43.

"We're twenty, we're twenty, who says we're more,
He's crazy, young jacknapes, show him the door."

"Delta Upsilon—Her Intellectual Side."—C. W. Foote, Western Reserve, '74.

"The choice and master spirits of this age."

"*De Amicitia.*"—H. G. Leonard, North Western, '88.

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thyself with hoops of steel."

"Delta Upsilon—Her Social Side."—G. J. Tansey, Cornell, '88.

"A college joke to cure the dumps."

"College Days."—F. H. Whitton, Wisconsin, '89.

"*Dum loquimur fugerit invida ætas; carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero.*"

"Our Alumni Chapters"—N. S. Horr, Cornell, '82.

"We have some salt of our youth in us."

"Our National Fraternity."—W. F. Campbell, New York, '87.

"*Diu vixit.*"

"The Ladies."—G. G. Saxe, Jr., Columbia, '87.

"May we kiss whom we please—and please whom we kiss."

THE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Vermont was held in Middlebury, commencing Thursday, the 8th.

About sixty-five delegates were present, who were entertained in the homes of the citizens. Among those present were Rev. Henry Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, Col. J. J. Estey of Brattleboro, Mr. E. A. Lawrence, State Secretary of Maine, Mr. H. F. Williams, one of the international secretaries, Mr. W. J. VanPatten of Burlington, and Mr. W. K. Sanders of Yale College.

The U. V. M. sent down six delegates: Hazen, '89, Parsons, '90, Abbey, '91, Cheney, '91, Stearns, '91, Babbitt, '92. Several were present from Vermont Academy at Saxton's River, and St. Johnsbury Academy was represented by Mr. Rand.

The services were held in the Congregational Church Thursday evening, and in the morning, afternoon and evening of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A prominent feature was the singing of Mr. Geo. C. Stebbins, who had charge of the music of the convention.

Over $500 was pledged by the convention for State work, the U. V. M. and Vermont Academy coming forward liberally. Mr. Lawrence was secured as State Secretary of Vermont for the ensuing year. Saturday evening a reception was given by the Middlebury College association to the visiting college and school delegates, at Professor Yager's.

The last service was held Sunday evening, and at the close the delegates sang "Blest be the tie that binds," clasping hands in a large circle around the church. In spite of unfavorable weather the convention was in all respects one of the most successful ever held.

Personals.

Information in regard to our Alumni is kindly solicited of all friends of the college. Notice will be given in our personal column to all communications regarding the same.

'14. In the *Independent* for Sept. 27, 1888, Rev. Samuel W. Boardman has an excellent memoir of Rev. Levi Parsons, '14, which is specially interesting just at this time. We append the following extracts:

Mr. Parsons was the son of the Rev. Justin and Mrs. Electa Parsons, and was born in Goshen, Mass., July 18th, 1792. He was dedicated by his parents, from his infancy, to the Christian ministry. He had a good mind and a very amiable disposition. He became hopefully religious, and united with his father's church at the age of sixteen. In 1810 he became a member of Middlebury College. In 1811, during the fall term of his sophomore year, he passed through a very remarkable religious experience, which gave character to his whole subsequent life.

After his graduation from college, he became a member of the Theological Seminary at Andover. His attention had been turned to the work of Foreign Missions from the time of his deepened consecration; and before his education was completed he offered

himself, and was accepted, as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. He was licensed to preach, in company with several other young men, at Salem, Mass., in April, 1817. He received ordination as a missionary in September, 1817. He did not go abroad for two years, however, but labored as a home missionary in Vermont.

September 24, 1818, Pliny Fisk and Levi Parsons were designated by the Prudential Committee as missionaries to the Holy Land. October 27, 1819, he took final leave of his parents and kindred at their home in Pittsfield, Vt., in one of the most secluded valleys among the Green Mountains. The writer, while recently in that vicinity, was told that it was at a farmhouse on the outskirts of the village, where the venerable pastor, by some labor on the farm, was enabled to preach to the feeble church. Thither his brother and sister Morton had come from their rural parish at Shoreham to bid him farewell. There was a kind of pathetic romance as we passed a few days ago over the same roads they traversed seventy years ago, to see their name "Morton" floating beneath the stars and stripes suspended from cords stretched across every little village and hamlet on the road winding up along the banks of the White River into the very heart of the mountains; and to know that it was waving on the September air, in like manner, through town and city from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

They sailed from Boston, Wednesday, November 3d, 1819, and in February, 1821, Mr. Parsons began his missionary work in Jerusalem. He distributed more than three thousand tracts in Italian. He fully supplied the fourteen monasteries of the city. He sent out evangelical literature by priests, bishops and school-masters in every direction, some tracts going to places a thousand miles distant. He left Jerusalem on May 8th, 1821, to seek a safer climate for the summer. In August he had a violent fever; and, as he continued feeble, sailed, in company with Mr. Fisk, by direction of his physician, for Alexandria, where he arrived January 13th, 1822. Instead of rallying as had been hoped, his strength rapidly declined until Feb. 10, 1822, when he died.

His mother did not long survive her son. Not long after his death another son was added to the household in the parsonage at Shoreham, and it was not strange that the sister of such a brother should have named her child after him—Levi Parsons. Nor is it strange that in his elegant mansion in New York, beside the portraits of his father and mother, Mr. Morton has that of his uncle, the Rev. Levi Parsons.

'22. Hon. Samuel Miller died Oct. 20. He was born at Williston, March 9, 1801, and was the son of Elisha and Loraine Miller. Among his classmates were George Cone Beckwith, D. D., Rev. George Howe, D. D., and Rev. Isaac Newton, D. D., of Poultney. He settled in the practice of law at Rochester, N. Y., and had been a member of the New York senate. He afterward removed to New Haven, Conn., where two sons were graduated at Yale University, in which he afterward established a fellowship.

'29. '46. At the annual banquet of the Vermont Bar Association, Hon. Daniel Roberts responded to the toast, "Vermont Bar Association," and Congressman John W. Stewart to "Congress."

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps delivered the annual address before the Judicial society at Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 15, and was tendered a banquet by the municipal authorities of the city.

'42. Hon. T. C. Smith, U. S. consul at Odessa, Russia, who has been traveling in the West during the summer, is visiting in town. He will return to his post in a few weeks.

'52. John Howe has been elected one of the side judges of Rutland county.

'52. M. H. Maynard of Marquette, Mich., visited the town recently.

'57. Rev. William Addy, D. D., spent three years in Middlebury college in the class of Judge Dunton and later was graduated from Union college. He is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marietta, Ohio, where he has been successfully at work for nearly a score of years. He is a trustee of Marietta college, but has a warm interest in old Vermont and Middlebury College.

'61. Rev. Moses M. Martin has been pastor of the Congregational church at Three Oaks, Mich., since 1880.

'61. Ezra J. Warner of Chicago, Ill., has been spending several days in town visiting old friends. He is at the head of the firm of Sprague, Warner & Co., and is very successful.

'61. The new Presbyterian church at Port Henry, N. Y., Rev. C. M. Thomas, pastor, is nearly completed.

'62. Rev. William A. Robinson, D. D., has been the esteemed pastor of the church at Homer, N. Y., fo. seventeen years.

'62. Senator D. K. Simonds will soon introduce a bill into the State Senate giving Middlebury college $8,000 a year. Will it pass?

'65. Hon. G. Z. Erwin has returned from Europe.

'65. Rev. Evarts B. Kent of Atlanta University, Ga., recently spent a few days in New Haven in a brief visit to his aged mother. Thence he went to

Providence, R. I., to attend the annual meeting of the American Missionary Association.

'69. Rev. M. E. Cady is pastor of the Methodist Church at Rockford, Ill.

'70. M. E. Severance is a successful civil engineer at Lisbon, Dakota.

'70. The Boulder (Col.) *Daily Miner* recently contained a portrait of S. A. Giffin, who is a candidate for the position of regent of the Colorado State University. The *Miner* also speaks of him as follows:

"Our fellow-townsman has had little intimate connection with local politics, his career being limited to the advancement of our school interest. A college-bred man, he brings to the work of the regency a college spirit that adds no little to the efficiency of his work at the University. In the work of promoting the success of college course, he is noted for indefatigable labor, for being earnest and honest in his methods, conscientious in his advocacy of higher education. Mr. Giffin may well be called a model regent. His career since his appointment by Gov. Eaton, in 1886, to the position left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rice, will add to the large majority which our candidate will receive. In no sense a politician, the Republican candidate for the regency would not for a moment consider a purely partisan office, but in the place for which he is named Mr. Giffin realizes there are large opportunities for advancing the educational welfare of our State; and such opportunities he is willing to embrace."

'70. Gov. Dillingham has appointed Senator M. O. Perkins aide-de-camp, with the rank of colonel.

'71. A. E. Clark is editor and proprietor of the Malone (N. Y.) *Farmer*. He will please accept our thanks for courtesies extended.

'71. E. J. Davenport was a Republican candidate for congress in Minnesota.

'71. Judge Hiram Smith, Jr., of Cameron, Mo., was married Oct. 7 to Miss Frances F. Rice of that city.

'72. Principal and Mrs. H. H. Ross of Burlington, have just returned from an extended trip through the West.

'75. C. M. Wilds has been chosen one of the Executive Committee of the Vermont Bar Association.

'76. Charles G. Farwell is in the employ of the Equitable Mortgage Company at the Boston office.

'78. Rev. James W. Flagg removed from South Ryegate a few weeks ago to take charge of the Presbyterian Church at South Framingham, Mass.

'78. Rev. E. E. Rogers is pastor of the chapel of the Church of the Covenant (Presbyterian) in New York city.

'80. Henry R. Dorr has been elected president of the Euclid Park Land and Improvement Co. of Topeka, Kan., and also director of the National Loan and Trust Co., of the same city.

'83. Fred B. Sheldon has been in a bank at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, since 1882.

'84. E. P. Miller is a senior at the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

'84. R. J. Barton is still at Clifton Springs, N. Y., taking a vacation for his health.

'84. James TenBroeke is pastor of the Baptist Church at Westport, N. Y.

'86. Marvin H. Dana, who graduated this year at the Albany Law School has just passed his examinations and been admitted to the bar in Missouri.

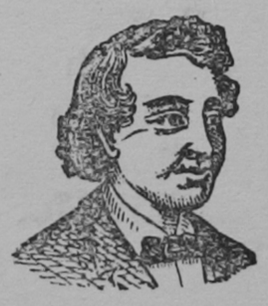
'87. Frank A. Warfield is at the Hartford Theological Seminary.

'88. B. L. Brown of Moriah, N. Y., has been very ill for the past few weeks with typhoid fever, but is now slowly improving.

[Any one furnishing information in regard to the following classes will greatly oblige us: '57, '59, '61, '62, '63, '65, '68, '73, '76.—ED.]

HOW THE FACULTY TAKE IT.

Seely and Boyce and Paton,
And Paton and Seely and Boyce,
Their candidates have been sat on—
They cannot now rejoice.



But Brainerd and Yager and Eaton,
And Yager and Eaton and Wright,
They train with the boys who have beaten—
They are upper dogs in the fight.

MORAL: Be virtuous and you will be happy.

[The thanks of the UNDERGRADUATE are due to Jackson for his excellent composites.]

The cane rushes this year have all been hard fights, and policemen have been in great demand.

Exchanges.

The *Dartmouth Literary Monthly* has been publishing a series of articles on the study of the ancient classics that, for an old subject is not only interesting but instructive.

The *Wesleyan Argus* is *facile princeps* in editorials and local news.

The *Hamilton Review* can hardly be called a first-class literary magazine. Its literary articles are written in a coarse lumbering style, while its exchange (?) department causes one to exclaim, "chestnuts!"

The *College Transcript* is voluminous, to say the least. Just a word of advice: When you have good literary articles, publish them, but do not fill your columns with trash, which will only bewilder your readers.

Judging from the local column of the University *Cynic*, we should say the quality of Burlington intoxicants was improving.

The exchange editor of the *Reveille* is well up in the use of simple words. The following is a good specimen:

"As it has been our fate to be chosen ex. ed. of the *Reveille*, we assume its grave responsibilities with an alacrity which could not fail to please the most fastidious followers of the Epicurian doctrine."

We would suggest that the editors of the *Adelphian* set apart twenty minutes each day for collecting news that will interest their alumni.

The *Lombard Review* is the best western exchange that comes to our sanctum. Its local and editorial departments display good taste.

The *University News* is one of the best weeklies we receive. It will insist, however, on ringing the old chestnut about Pres. Seelye's memory and fast students at Harvard.

The first number of the *Addison County Star* has put in an appearance. Its local column reminds one of Ayer's Almanac. The following sentence from its salutatory is too good to be lost: "Any person receiving the *Addison County Star* through the post-office has not subscribed, will not be required to pay for it unless they have ordered it." Well, we hope its death will be easy.

The *Haverfordian* still preserves its reputation as one of the best of our exchanges. The last number contains a most excellent literary article entitled, "Rob Mossgiel." From its exchange column we clip the following. We only wish it were true of Middlebury students:

"As a rule it does not take college men very long to learn to discard that spread-eagle style of attempted sublimity which in their school days they considered essential to good writing. Contact in literary societies and criticisms of more experienced men give them different ideas. They generally become able to choose a sensible subject and to treat it in a sensible way; to go deeper than mere expressions of sentiment, and imitations of what they doubtless are pleased to call an oratorical style. It is anything but an evidence of thought or ability for anyone to mass together a quantity of high-sounding words in the form of emphatic assertions, indignant denials, wondering exclamations, with the evident intention of producing something of rare literary merit."

The *Tuftonian* has several good literary articles. We clip the following:

"Had I our Shelley's heart of fire,
And Coleridge's phantasies,
And John Keats' words,
Humanity of Shakespeare, and the lyre
Of Spencer's rhapsodies,
What Burns affords
Of all that's arch and simple,
From Suckling just a dimple,
And Byron's ease and grace,
John Milton's thunder notes
Out of iron throats,
Don Chaucer's drolleries—
This whole great world would search in vain
For one to overthrow my reign,
I'd rule them face to face."

The *Tech* has spicy editorials, and good literary articles; and, aside from its criticisms of periodical literature, is an ideal college journal. We clip the following:

"The male portion of the human race is divided into three great classes: viz., Athletes, Men, and Grinds.

The first-named class make their living by athletics. Their mental capacities are, for the most part, undeveloped.

The "Man" is well developed physically, to attain which state a certain amount of time is spent in the gymnasium or the field. His mind is cultivated, his brain is clear, and by his strength he is enabled to pursue to great advantage his mental culture.

The "Grind" spends all his time in the storing up of mathematical formulæ; that is, until his physically undeveloped body gives out under the pressure, and he is unfit for further study."

To the Freshman: be 'fresher' than ever. The so-called 'freshest' men in every class turn out the best frequently in Senior year. To the Sophomore:

Know it all in accordance with your traditions, for it is only by so doing that you can by any stress of circumstances find out the error of your belief. To the Junior: Remember that although man was foreordained to live with woman in matrimony, some very useful and pleasing courses of study are offered in Junior year. To the Senior: Your alma mater is a kindly nurse, and, some people to the contrary notwithstanding, no college graduate was ever so poorly equipped for life that he went hungry or raimentless for any length of time on account of four years residence in an atmospeere of culture.—*Springfield Republican.*

A PATENT LOCK.

"Twas at a regatta ball they met—
The name of the place I quite forget—
He, one of Yale's victorious crew;
She, in a dress of crimson hue,
Both skilled in Terpsichore's art.

At parting he gave her his boutonniere,
Which she fastened into her dress with care.
The pin she used was a golden key,
And the question he asked was, naturally,
'Is that the key of your heart?'

She smiled and shook her pretty head:
'No; that's the key of *his* heart,' she said.
Then glancing up in a saucy way,
'And it fits no *Yale lock*, let me say,
Tho' your crew is so smart.'" —*Advocate.*

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